

# Waddesdon Village Primary School

## Pathway to Excellence

### Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Spring 2



### English

The main focus will be linked to this term's class novel: *'Journey to the River Sea'* by Eva Ibbotson. This will inspire writing including a scene description and a story opener. We will continue to use 'sentence stacking' to build our skills in creating a variety of sentence structures, using a range of punctuation effectively and incorporating 'Boomtastics' (figurative language) for effect.

The novel will also support development of reading comprehension skills through drawing inferences about characters' actions and feelings as well as considering the difficulties the key characters face.

Additionally, we will have whole class reading sessions to explore vocabulary and purpose of texts before answering questions independently.

Our regular spelling sessions will include investigations, exploration of graphemes and activities to build understanding of patterns, rules and exceptions.

### Science

#### Light

Class 6 will explore how light travels and use this to explain how we see things. They will look at the effect of light in relation to mirrors, shadows, and rainbows.



As a reminder, Class 6 homework will continue to be the SAT Buster books this term. Please see the Home Learning sheet for full details. Please encourage your children to ask me about any questions they are unsure of.

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### Weekly schedule:

- Mon: Homework (SAT BUSTERS & Reading Records) due in
- Tues:
- Wed: PE AM & Mrs Leslie PM
- Thurs: PM Mrs Patel & Exposure Sport (PE)

### Mathematics

We will begin the term by learning about ratio and proportion.

Our next focus area will be algebra which starts with using shapes and coloured rods to explore this concept before moving onto working with formulas.

$$\begin{aligned}
 10 + x &= 15 \\
 10 - 10 + x &= 15 - 10 \\
 x &= 15 - 10 \\
 x &= 5
 \end{aligned}$$

Converting metric units (kg to g, l to ml and mm to cm to m etc.) will then be reviewed along with area, perimeter and volume.

### PE

Volleyball will help to develop skills to support team members, learn from their team's previous performance in a competitive sport and offer suggestions to improve.

Badminton offers the chance to develop hand-eye coordination and game play tactics.



### RE

Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth? (Christianity)



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**Geography**

Rainforests and the impact of deforestation.  
 Rivers and the water cycle.

**DT & Art**



Exploring British Artist, John Dyer which links to the Amazon Rainforest.

**Music**

Advanced rhythms



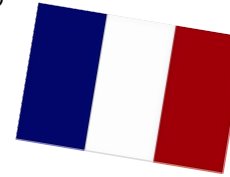
**Computing**

Looking at copyright and ownership in online safety lessons.

Researching and presenting information about the Amazon Rainforest using the Keynote app.

**MFL**

Mr Mitchener will continue to teach class 6 how to talk in full sentences in French for everyday topics with a focus this term on transport.



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**PSHE**

'Dreams and Goals'

An opportunity to think about what we want to achieve and how we can do that.

As always, your support is vital and much appreciated. Please feel free to pop and see me after school, should you ever need to, or email questions via the school office.

**How you can support your child at home:**

Look at the weight and capacity of items in your kitchen cupboards to give children a real sense of what measures such as a litre or 500g are.

Show them how you read for pleasure and discuss the areas reading helps you each day.

Talk about the book they are currently reading as part of the Reading Rocket challenge.

Support as needed with the SAT Buster books and encourage your child to bring them back to school every Monday.

Remind them that they are doing brilliantly and learning more every day!

**Important Dates:**

Thur 2nd March	World Book day
Wed 8th March	From 2:30pm—Parent open afternoon
10th—18th March	British Science week
Fri 17th March	Red Nose Day
20th –23rd March	Practice SATs
Tue 21st March	Parents' evening
Wed 22nd March	Parents' evening
Wed 29th March	PAWS Disco